

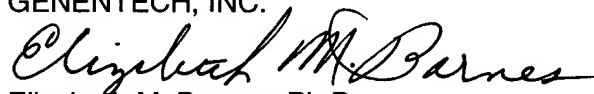
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### REMARKS

Applicants have herein amended the claims by cancelling Claims 1-42 and adding new Claims 43-59, thereby leaving Claims 43-59 pending for prosecution. Claims 43-59 correspond to an election of Group II of a restriction requirement made by the Examiner in the Office Action (Paper No. 10) mailed on October 3, 2000, which was made in the original non-provisional patent application (Serial No. 09/311,832, filed May 14, 1999). Group II contains original Claims 23-30, and portions of Claims 39 and 42, drawn to the IL-17 homologs and compositions thereto. Applicants respectfully request entry of the newly added Claims 43 to 59, wherein support for these new claims can be found in the originally filed claims as well as in the specification as follows: page 8, lines 32-38; page 9, lines 1 to 33; page 11, lines 3 to 11 and 27 to 36; page 12, lines 12 to 17; page 15, lines 9 to 38; page 16, lines 1 to 37; page 23, lines 32 to 34; page 24, lines 1 to 17; pages 72-73, EXAMPLE 1; pages 73-75, EXAMPLE 2; and pages 88-91, EXAMPLE 16.

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**IN THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1-42 have been cancelled.  
New Claims 43-59 have been added.

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